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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR: RESUMED CYPRUS
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. I SAW TURKISH AMBASSADOR INHAN FOR TOUR D'HORIZON JAN 15.
INHAN WAS PREOCCUPIED PRIMARILY WITH WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS
THE BUREAUCRATIC INEPTITUDE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRA-
TION, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. HE DEPICTED
TURK CYPRIOTS AS SOFT AND UNDISCIPLINED. HE DECRIED
LEAKAGE OF LIMITED TURKISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES
THROUGH TURKISH CYPRUS AND SAID TURKEY NOW HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO "INFILTRATE" ALL SEGMENTS OF TFSC ADMINISTRATION TO
BRING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS. HE SAID THIS WOULD TAKE SOME YEARS.
TURK CYPRIOTS, HE EMPHASIZED, WOULD HAVE
TO LEARN A DIFFERENT LIFE STYLE AND TURKEY WOULD HAVE TO
TEACH THEM. AS AN EXAMPLE OF BAD TURKISH
CYPRIOT ATTITUDES, HE CITED FACT THAT THEY
ARE SMUGGLING HOARDED HARD CURRENCY ACROSS THE LINE TO
GREEK BANKS FOR TRANSFER TO THE UK, SOMETHING WHICH TURKEY
CANNOT PERMIT.

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2. I ASKED INHAN WHEN UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PEREZ DECUELLAR MIGHT EXPECT A REPLY FROM DENKTASH ON RECONVENING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA FEB 17. INHAN SAID THERE WOULD BE A DELAY: "CERTAIN PROCEDURES" HAD TO BE CLARIFIED. WHEN I ASKED FOR DETAILS, INHAN EXPLAINED THAT ANKARA WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO ATHENS TO PIN DOWN THE DEVIOUS GREEKS ON APPLICATION OF THE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT TO RESUME TALKS. BEFORE DENKTASH COULD SAY YES, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT VIENNA WOULD BE LIMITED TO AGREEMENT ON FORMATION AND FUNCTIONING (IN NICOSIA) OF SUBCOMMITTEES ON (A) TERRITORY AND (B) POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. SYG'S ROLE WOULD BE LIMITED TO RESTARTING THE TALKS ALTHOUGH GOT WOULD AGREE TO HIS INTERMITTENT REINVOLVEMENT.

3. INHAN SAID THAT, PURSUANT TO BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDINGS, SUBCOMMITTEES, ONCE FUNCTIONING WITH MAINLAND GREEK AND TURKISH PARTICIPATION, WOULD WORK INDEPENDENTLY OF ONE ANOTHER. PROGRESS IN ONE COULD NOT BE TIED TO PROGRESS IN THE OTHER. GREEKS HAD TO BE PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT TERRITORY COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED EXCEPT IN NICOSIA WITH MAINLAND PARTICIPATION AND IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE ARENA.

4. INHAN REMARKED THAT IT WAS MAKARIOS WHO HAD CAUSED ALL THE TROUBLE WITH GOC'S DEC 17 LETTER TO SYG CITING UN RESOLUTIONS. REGRETTABLY, BITSIOS HAD LAPSED IN THE SAME DIRECTION IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO ATHENS (FBIS AT 141540Y). I INTERRUPTED TO NOTE THAT GOC'S DEC 17 LETTER HAD CAREFULLY AVOIDED POSING APPLICATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS AS A PRECONDITION FOR ACCEPTING RESUMED NEGOTIATION. ARTFULNESS OF THE BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT GREECE AND TURKEY HAD FINESSED THEIR DIFFERENCES ON APPLICABILITY OF UN RESOLUTIONS AND IN EFFECT RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS IN THE INTEREST OF GETTING TALKS RESUMED. ANOTHER KEY ELEMENT OF BRUSSELS HAD BEEN AGREEMENT ON A NON-STOP SERIOUS NEGOTIATION. INHAN AGREED AND SAID THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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MEANT NON-STOP AFTER RPT AFTER FORMAL RESTARTING, NOT IN VIENNA.

5. AT SEVERAL POINTS IN CONVERSATION, INHAN STRESSED THE TURKISH VIEW THAT IF NEGOTIATIONS WERE TO PROGRESS, MAKARIOS WOULD HAVE TO STOP ACTING AS IF HE WERE THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS.

6. COMMENT: INHAN'S COMMENTS BEAR OUT PEREZ DECUELLAR'S FEARS (REF B) THAT TURKISH SIDE IS LIKELY TO BE VERY TOUGH IN TRYING TO LIMIT SYG'S ROLE AND THAT THERE MAY BE MORE DELAY, RESULTING FROM TURKEY'S APPARENT INSISTENCE ON FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH ATHENS, BEFORE DENKTASH IS ABLE TO SIGNIFY HIS ACCEPTANCE OF SYG'S PROPOSAL.
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